Amendments to and listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

(Previously Presented) An optical signal to electrical signal converter comprising:
an optical waveguide for receiving and propagating a modulated optical signal; and
a pair of electrodes disposed within a region where an electric field applies, said electric field
being generated in the optical waveguide by a nonlinear optical effect when the optical signal
propagates through the optical waveguide

wherein the optical waveguide is formed on a dielectric substrate or in the dielectric substrate, and

wherein the pair of electrodes are provided on a top surface of the dielectric substrate, said pair of electrodes being opposite to each other sandwiching the optical waveguide, thereby detecting changes of the electric field.

- 2. (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1, further comprising a resonator coupled to the pair of electrodes, the resonator being eapable of configured to be excited by an electrical signal induced at the pair of electrodes by the electric field.
- (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the optical signal comprises a side band signal corresponding to a modulation frequency f_m.
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein at least a portion of the optical waveguide and at least a portion of the dielectric substrate are formed from a nonlinear optical material, and the electric field is generated by a differential frequency generation when the optical signal propagates through the optical waveguide.
- 6. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 5, further comprising an electromagnetic wave radiating device coupled to the resonator, wherein the optical

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signal to electrical signal converter radiates the electrical signal as a radio signal.

- 7. (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein the resonator and the electromagnetic radiating device are integrated with the substrate.
- 8. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 7, wherein the resonator and the electrodes are connected by micro strip lines formed on the dielectric substrate.
- 9. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1, wherein the modulation frequency of the optical signal is 10GHz or higher.
- 10. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1, further comprising a light beam input portion coupled to the optical waveguide.
- 11. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 5, wherein the nonlinear optical material is a material selected from a group consisting of lithium niobate (LiNbO₃), lithium tantalate (LiTaO₃)-based material, potassium titanyl phosphate (KTiOPO₄)-based material, rare earth-calcium oxyborate (RECa₄O(BO₃)₃, RE: a Rare Earth element)-based material, DAST (4-dimethylamino-N-methyl-4-stilbazorium- toxyrate) and 3RDCVXY (dicyanovinyl termination-dimethyl substitution-diazo).
- 12. (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1, wherein the optical waveguide has a periodic polarization inversion structure where the polarization direction is different from the polarization direction in the other portion inverted periodically along the optical waveguide.
- 13. (Original) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim 1, further comprising a resistor connecting electrically the pair of electrodes with each other.
- 14. (Currently Amended) An optical signal to electrical signal converter according to claim [[4]] 1, further comprising a housing accommodating the dielectric substrate.